

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

MONTICELLO NUCLEAR GENERATING PLANT

DOCKET NO. 50-263

REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT TO  
OPERATING LICENSE DPR-22

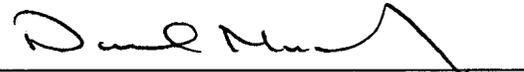
LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST DATED March 7, 1989

Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation, requests authorization for changes to Appendix A of the Monticello Operating License as shown on the attachments labeled Exhibits A, B, and C. Exhibit A describes the proposed changes, describes the reasons for the changes, and contains a significant hazards evaluation. Exhibits B and C are copies of the Monticello Technical Specifications incorporating the proposed changes.

This letter contains no restricted or other defense information.

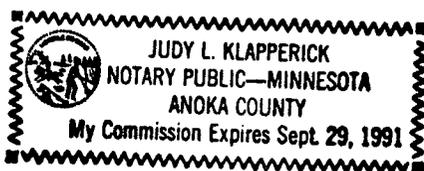
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY

By



David Musolf  
Manager-Nuclear Support Services

On this 7th day of March 1989 before me a notary public in and for said County, personally appeared David Musolf, Manager-Nuclear Support Services, and being first duly sworn acknowledged that he is authorized to execute this document on behalf of Northern States Power Company, that he knows the contents thereof, and that to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief the statements made in it are true and that it is not interposed for delay.



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Exhibit A

Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant

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Evaluation of Proposed changes to the Technical Specifications  
Appendix A of Operating License DPR-22.

Pursuant to 10 CFR Part 50, Section 50.59 and 50.90, the holders of Operating License DPR-22 hereby propose the following changes to Appendix A Technical Specifications:

Proposed Changes

Change the numbering of paragraph 6.2.B.1 to 6.2.B.1.a.

Change the words in the first sentence contained in old Technical Specification 6.2.B.1, "Membership" from ".. at least six (6) members.." to ".. at least six (6) regular members..".

Change the words in the second sentence contained in Technical Specification 6.2.B.1, "Membership" from ".. appoint a Vice Chairman from the OC membership to act in his absence." to ".. appoint a regular member to act as Vice Chairman in his absence..".

Add two new sentences to the end of Technical Specification 6.2.B.1, "Membership" which read "Alternates to the regular members shall be designated in writing by the Chairman or Vice Chairman in the Chairman's absence to serve on a temporary basis. No more than two alternates shall participate as voting members of the Operations Committee at any one time.

Change the words in the sentence contained in Technical Specification 6.2.B.4, "Quorum" from "..a majority of the permanent members,.." to "..a majority of the membership,..".

Reason for Changes

The Monticello Technical Specifications currently do not address the use of alternates on the Operations Committee in meeting the quorum requirement. The time demand for the multiple responsibilities of the individuals who make up the regular membership of the Operations Committee is heavy. The need for flexibility in meeting this requirement was recognized in the development of the Standard Technical Specifications and was addressed by the use of alternates. This change is being submitted to allow the use of alternates and maintain the flexibility necessary for day to day operation of the plant.

Under this change the term members will be defined as the positions which make up the Operations Committee with the regular members being the individuals who normally fill those positions. Alternates are defined as member positions filled by anyone other than the regular member. To allow flexibility in meeting the quorum requirement a simple majority of the membership is required, including the Chairman or Vice Chairman. No more than two alternates can participate as voting members of the Operations Committee at any one time.

#### Safety Evaluation and Determination of Significant Hazards Considerations

The proposed change to the Operating License has been evaluated to determine whether it constitutes a significant hazards consideration as required by 10 CFR Part 50, Section 50.91 using the standards provided in Section 50.92. This analysis is provided below:

1. The proposed amendment will not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

This change does not affect the physical configuration of the plant or how it is operated. Therefore it will not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

2. The proposed amendment will not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously analyzed.

This is an administrative change. No plant systems or operating procedures are affected. There is no possibility of the creation of a new of different kind of accident from any accident previously analyzed.

3. The proposed amendment will not involve a significant reduction in the margin of safety.

This change does not affect any plant system or safety feature. No safety analysis is affected. It is a purely administrative change which cannot lead to any reduction in the margin of safety.

The Commission has provided guidance (March 6, 1986 Federal Register) concerning the application of the standards in 10 CFR 50.92 for determining whether a significant hazards consideration exists by providing certain examples of amendments that will likely be found to involve no significant hazards considerations. The changes to the Monticello Technical Specifications proposed in this amendment request are representative of NRC example (i): because they are a purely administrative change. There is no change to the physical configuration of the plant or how the plant is operated. Based on this guidance and the reasons discussed above, we have concluded that the proposed changes do not involve a significant hazards consideration.